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LB 120A

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 380A is advanced to E & R Initial, which leaves us with the last one on General File for today, LB 120A.

CLERK: (Read by title LB 120A.) Mr. President I have a motion on this bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion. All right, read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dworak moves to indefinitely postpone LB 120A.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, here we're talking about a significant amount of money again to, in my opinion, to accomplish an insignificant amount. I feel that these fiscal notes are substantiated not only from this year's Tax Commissioner, Mr. Herrington, a Republican, but also last year's Tax Commissioner, Mr. Peters, a Democrat. I think two separate tax commissioners in a row, two separate tax offices in a row, totally unrelated, coming up with the same kind of fiscal impact certainly gives some credibility to these figures. Now I also am fully aware that the fiscal office anticipates \$133,000 expenditure but and that may be the very, very best, but I don't think we can lose sight of the tax commissioner's estimates that's in our bill book that shows a \$413,000 expenditure against a \$288,750 estimated projected revenue. That means we're only spending \$2.00 to get \$1.00 of tax. Now that doesn't make a lot of sense. Not many of us would be able to maintain our personal affairs. Not many of us would be able to maintain our business postures at a rate of a two to one loss. Now the second year looks a lot better. We only are spending 50 percent for administration. We're projecting \$635,000 in revenues and it's only going to cost us \$314,000 to get it. This is a typical government type program, high expenditures, high administrative costs, and very little results. Now I think with these kind of expenditures, and we've had these kind of estimates for two years ongoing, and I can remember the cries of anguish on this floor when Mr. Peters told us it was going to cost 71 cents out of every \$1.00 to administer this program. Oh, we just absolutely couldn't believe it and we all accused him of playing political games. But now this year under a new tax commissioner's office, we see similar figures. Now this bill absolutely...this A bill absolutely should be stopped right here, right now. It should not move. This is